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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 27, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included planting cotton, rice, and other crops; and fertilizing and spraying pastures. Excessive rainfall throughout most of the week halted most fieldwork and slowed crop progress. Soil moisture conditions were rated 4 percent short, 49 percent adequate and 47 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	96	88	90	79	0	3	27	66	4
	Emerged	77	60	68	61					
Cotton	Planted	10	3	4	22	---	---	---	---	---
Rice	Planted	78	55	57	56	0	15	41	43	1
	Emerged	11	6	29	32					
Sorghum	Planted	47	39	59	46	0	1	24	74	1
	Emerged	17	7	36	29					
Soybeans	Planted	22	16	23	12	---	---	---	---	---
Wheat	Jointing	100	100	98	97	5	21	43	29	2
	Heading	91	72	44	63					
Peanuts	Planted	5	2	23	26	---	---	---	---	---
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	9	7	8	8	---	---	---	---	---
Watermelons	Planted	80	70	65	64	0	1	37	57	5
Blueberries						0	1	28	46	25
Cattle						0	4	22	54	20
Pasture						1	3	26	59	11

County Agent Comments

"Cool weather and heavy rain have delayed crop planting. Some fields needed rain before they could be planted, but most of the area received over 2 inches."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Rain late in the week brought relief for emerging corn. Farmers are still fertilizing and spraying pastures. Rain has brought fieldwork to a halt."

— Mark Gillie, Tippah County

"Rain moved in during the latter half of the week halting field preparation and planting. It was welcomed by cattlemen and dairymen. Pasture growth has been disappointing due to lack of moisture, cloud cover, and lack of rain up until this week."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

"Over 6 inches of rain during the past week will delay all cotton, soybean and corn planting for several days. Some previously planted cotton fields have flooded and will probably have to be replanted."

— Roger D. Jones, Perry County

"Rust is becoming a problem in several wheat fields. Most fields have been cleaned up and are ready to be planted as soon as weather permits. Warmer temperatures would be welcomed."

— Mack Young, Quitman County

"Root worms and Chinch bugs are present in corn. Farmers need to watch corn plantings without insecticides applied at planting. Rainfall has halted all field activities."

— Billy Mailly, Hinds County

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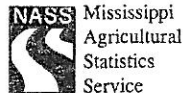
Weather Summary From April 21, 1997 to April 27, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	80	47	60	66	-6	1.91	+0.44	5	4.63	73	36	62	0.23
Cleveland	85	42	60	66	-6	1.38		5	3.32				
Tunica	80	40	59	65	-6	2.05	+0.44	3	5.61	72	60	64	
Extreme/Average	85	40	60	65	-6	1.78	+0.24	4	4.52	73	36	63	0.23
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	81	36	57	63	-5	1.02	-0.42	4	2.76	73	55	63	0.15
Memphis	76	45	59	66	-7	2.94	+1.35	3	7.93				
Oxford	82	36	59	64	-5	1.61	+0.38	4	3.40				
Extreme/Average	82	36	58	64	-6	1.86	+0.44	4	4.70	73	55	63	0.15
3. Northeast													
Booneville	81	43	58	64	-6	0.83	-0.57	4	2.63				
Corinth	82	40	61	65	-4	0.95	-0.56	3	2.84				
Iuka	77	34	55			0.45		3	1.88				
Pontotoc	81	39	58	64	-6	1.47	+0.21	5	3.54	81	54	67	0.23
Tupelo	82	41	59	65	-6	1.68	+0.28	4	3.75				
Verona	83	41	61			0.67		2	2.16	76	51	62	0.19
Extreme/Average	83	34	59	65	-6	1.01	-0.38	4	2.80	81	51	64	0.19
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	86	45	63	68	-4	2.77	+1.45	5	4.74	85	60	71	
Greenwood	83	42	61	67	-6	1.03	-0.25	3	2.62				
Rolling Fork	86	44	62			2.63	+1.38	3	4.12	91	56	72	0.13
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	84	43	64	68	-4	2.55	+1.27	4	3.81				
Extreme/Average	86	42	63	67	-5	2.25	+0.97	4	3.82	91	56	72	0.13
5. Central													
Carthage	83	38	62	67	-5	3.09	+1.86	4	5.10				
Jackson	81	42	62	68	-6	5.55	+4.28	4	7.74				
Winona	79	36	58	64	-6	1.74	+0.36	4	3.07				
Extreme/Average	83	36	60	66	-6	3.46	+2.17	4	5.30				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.46	-1.01	3	1.68	77	55	65	
Columbus	84	43	62			3.50		4	4.03				
State University	82	42	61	66	-5	2.84	+1.39	5	3.45	80	55	66	
Extreme/Average	84	42	62	66	-5	3.17	+1.72	5	3.74	80	55	66	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	83	45	64			5.85		3	8.90	83	60	70	
Natchez	82	45	65	70	-5	7.02	+5.32	4	8.79				
Oakley	82	41	62			6.55	+5.49	3	8.73	82	56	67	
Vicksburg	82	48	64			4.71		3	6.75				
Extreme/Average	83	41	64	70	-6	6.03	+4.65	3	8.29	83	56	69	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	84	46	65	70	-5	3.63	+2.42	4	7.25				
McComb	82	46	64	69	-4	10.77	+9.13	4	13.08				
Extreme/Average	84	46	65	69	-5	7.20	+5.77	4	10.17				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	87	45	64			3.91		3	6.89	85	58	68	
Hattiesburg	83	45	64	70	-6	1.44	+0.24	2	6.28				
Laurel													
Meridian	81	40	61	67	-6	5.30	+3.98	4	8.72				
Newton	81	41	63	66	-4	4.20	+3.07	3	8.85	74	53	62	0.17
Extreme/Average	87	40	63	68	-5	3.71	+2.49	3	7.69	85	53	65	0.17
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	85	50	66			2.68		2	4.40				
Biloxi	81	52	67			2.18		3	5.02				
Gulfport						2.89	+1.43	2	3.37				
Pascagoula													
Poplarville													
Extreme/Average	85	50	66			2.58	+1.12	2	4.26				
State	87	34	62	67	-5	3.31	+1.92	4	5.53	91	36	66	0.18

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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